

MEETING OF MELROSE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ONLINE ON WEDNESDAY 19th MAY 2021

MINUTE

Present: William Windram (WW) (Chair), Val Miller (VM), Graham Barker (GB), Robin Chisholm (RC), Andrew Panter (AP), Martin Baird (MB), Aziza Taylor (AT) (Secretary).

In Attendance: SBC Cllrs David Parker (DP), Tom Miers (TM) and Jenny Linehan (JL). Two members of the public.

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1.	Apologies for Absence: PC Calum Wilson, Agnes Waldie, Lorna Paterson, William Kerr.	
2.	Declaration of Interest: WW reminded members that they should declare any interest they may have in advance of an item being discussed.	
3.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 21 April were approved.	
4.	Matters Arising: Pavements Opposite the Rugby Club: SBC are to provide dropped kerbs. Boat Brae Rubbish Bin: TM will take this up with SBC. Christmas Lights: RC confirmed that costs would be presented to the next meeting of the Community Council. Golf Club Drainage Problem: The problem is still outstanding. Bollards: The bollards which were knocked over will be replaced. SBC will be asked to repaint them. Community Council Accounts: GB has received a draft. The final accounts will be available for the next Community Council Meeting. Newstead Wooden Walkway: Additional slats have been inserted to make the surface safer. Barrons Way Sign: RC will check if the sign has been replaced. Quarry Hill Path: Nothing further to report. SBC Small Schemes: DP will report back with an update at the next meeting.	TM RC GB
5.	Police Matters: The Police Reports for April had been circulated prior to the meeting. Incidents of young people congregating in the school playground to socialise had been reported along with a fire being set and some vandalism.	
6.	Traffic Matters: Chiefswood Road One-Way Proposal: TM, JL and DP reported that they	

	had received feedback from the public to the newsletter that had been delivered. Initially some motorists had ignored the signs and drive the wrong way but no accidents had been reported. DP reported that monitoring is taking place using censors on the road and by people monitoring the town centre traffic. The path appears to be being well used. Philippa Gilhooly of SBC is facilitating access to the Wester Road for the farmer.	
7.	Planning Sub Committee: Land South West of Greywalls, Gattonside – erection of dwellinghouse with access, landscaping and associated works: WW expressed an interest in this as a neighbour is his client. No objection raised to the application. Basement Level 44-46 Dingleton Apartments, Chiefswood Road – Change of use and alteration to form 2 flats: No comments or observations made. Building Work Behind St. Dunstans: Some fencing has been erected but there is no update on any work being carried out. Waverley Road, New Loose Box in Horse Field: It was queried whether planning permission was required for the new loose box which has been erected in the field.	
8.	Community Events: Spring Clean: VM confirmed that no formal campaign had been arranged for this year.	
9.	Matters Raised by Councillors: Boots, Market Square: AT was asked to write to Boots head office to pass on complaints about the condition of both the frontage and interior of the Boots store on the Market Square. Previous attempts to raise this with the company have not resulted in any action.	AT
	Broken Drain Pipe, Market Square: The end of the drainpipe by the flower shop is broken and needs repair. DP will enquire if SBC are the property owners. Waverley Castle Hotel: The hotel has reopened under new management. War Memorial: Funding is being sought from the Royal British Legion by the local branch to upgrade the war memorial in Melrose and those in the villages.	DP
	Damage to Scrubland near Tweed: This is probably being caused by otters and badgers. Newstead Development Trust: WW reported that he is to attend a Zoom meeting with the Trust on 23 May.	
	Damaged Gully Box, Fairways: The brickwork is crumbling and needs repair. JL will take this up. Dean Road to Priorswalk Road Surface: The road surface is breaking up. TM will take this up with SBC.	JL TM
	Anti-Social and Illegal Behaviour in Melrose: Anyone witnessing events of this nature should report it to the police. Coatburn development, Darnick: SBC are to ensure that the developer plants screening between the development and Chiefswood Road to comply with the planning permission. Fence opposite Waverley Castle Hotel: Craig Blackie of SBC will attend	
	to this. Chain Bridge, Gattonside: Due to Covid restrictions the bridge can only be used in one direction at a time. JL reported that this can result in	

	congestion if people are not aware of this and stop midway. William Hill Trust: The Trust has approved a grant for new strips for the football club. It is thought the rugby club may apply for a grant to renovate the stand. Gattonside Anti Social Behaviour: The problem has lessened and police have occasionally attended.	
10.	Matters Raised by the Public: None.	
11.	Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, 16 June 2021 at 7.30 pm via Zoom.	